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TRANSACTIONS OF THE SOCIETY FOR 1888.

Annual meeting of the American Geographical Society, held at Chickering Hall, Tuesday, January 10, 1888, at 8 o'clock, P.M.

President Daly in the chair, until the delivery of the address, when his place was taken by Vice-President Egbert L. Viele.

On motion, duly seconded, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The following gentlemen were elected Fellows:

Dr. A. Berghaus, John D. Crimmins, Frank S. Witherbee, Anson W. Hard, Henry Villard, John W. Burgess, Benjamin Stephens, Edward C. Donnelly, Alexander I. Cotheal, Sanders D. Bruce, Richard A. Elmer, G. H. Wynkoop, M.D., H. H. Bancroft, A. W. Colgate, Henry Marquand, Wm. Lane Booker, Albert Stickney Nicholas Fish, George Buckham, George Chase, Frederick T. West, Henry E. Russell, A. J. Drexel, S. G. Bogert, J. F. Alexander, Geo. F. Lespinasse, Prof. Thos. Davidson, Prof. H. H. Boyesen, Rev. D. Parker Morgan, Daniel W. Edgecomb, Hon. Benj. H. Bristow, John H. Parsons, Alexander T. Mason, John C. Henderson, Adolphe R. Coutan, H. A. V. Post, T. Harrison Garrett, Jas. T. Woodward, Byron W. Greene, C. Ridgely Goodwin, Jules A. Montant, Oliver L. Jones, Henry R. Hoyt, Edward Kelly, Leander H. Crall, Charles Albert Coutan.

The annual report of the Council was then presented, and read by Mr. William Remsen:

New York, January 10, 1888. Since the last annual report there have been held six regular meetings of the Society and nine stated and eight special meetings of the Council.

At the annual meeting of the Society on the 11th of January, 1887, the distinguished English Naturalist, Mr. Alfred Russel Wallace,

delivered a lecture on "Oceanic Islands: their Physical and Biological Relations."

On the 21st of February, the Hon. Clarence Pullen delivered a lecture on "New Mexico: Its Geography, Scenes and Peoples."

On the 15th of March, Mr. F. S. Dellenbaugh gave an account of his "Exploration of the Grand Cañon of the Colorado."

On the 15th of April, the Rev. Francis Brown delivered a lecture on "Recent Explorations in Egypt."

On the 20th of October, Dr. Franz Boas read a paper on "A Year with the Eskimos."

On the 23d of November, Dr. Eustace W. Fisher read a paper on "India."

On the 14th of December, Prof. F. A. Ober delivered an address on "The Ancient Cities of America and the Evidences of Early Civilization."

All these lectures were illustrated with stereopticon views.

During the year the volumes of the Journal for the years 1885 and 1886 were completed and distributed to the Fellows and to the various Societies and Institutions, at home and abroad, which exchange publications with the Society. The quarterly Bulletins have also been issued with regularity.

The additions to the Library and Map Room number 2299, viz: Books 224, Atlases 3, Maps and Charts 175, and Pamphlets (including Serials) 1897.

The annual report of the Treasurer, Mr. Walter R. T. Jones, shows a balance to the credit of the General Fund of \$823.18.

The Council feels itself justified by the facts in congratulating the Society upon the steadily increasing prosperity manifested in all its departments and upon the growing recognition in America and elsewhere of its long-sustained efforts in the cause of geography.

WILLIAM REMSEN,

Chairman of Council.

The Nominating Committee then presented the following report:

To the American Geographical Society:

The Nominating Committee, appointed to select officers to fill vacancies—under resolutions of the Society, passed at its meeting, December 14, 1887—respectfully report the selection of the follow-

ing nominees for election in accordance with Chapter V, Section 2, of the By-Laws:

For President—Charles P. Daly, LL.D., term to expire January, 1889.

For Vice-President—Gen. Geo. W. Cullum, U. S. Army, term to expire January, 1891.

Gen. Egbert L. Viele, term to expire January, 1889.

For Foreign Corresponding Secretary—Prof. Wm. Libbey, Jr., term to expire January, 1891.

For Treasurer—Walter R. T. Jones, term to expire January, 1889.

For Councillors—W. H. H. Moore, Isaac Bernheimer, Orlando B. Potter, D. O. Mills and Admiral C. H. Baldwin, U. S. Navy, terms to expire January, 1891.

Levi Holbrook, term to expire January, 1889.

Luther R. Marsh, term to expire January, 1890.

N. P. BAILEY, *Chairman*,
CLINTON ROOSEVELT,
CHARLES A. PEABODY,

Nominating Committee.

On motion of Judge C. A. Peabody, duly seconded, Mr. John A. Hadden was appointed to cast the vote of the Society for the nominees, and they were then declared duly elected.

The President, Ex-Chief-Justice Daly, then delivered an address on the "Recent Geographical Work of the World." The address was illustrated by large maps and by a number of stereopticon views.

At the close of the address a vote of thanks to the President, moved by Dr. Eustace W. Fisher, was duly seconded and unanimously passed.

The Society, on motion, adjourned.

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Meeting of February 15, held at Chickering Hall.

President Daly in the chair.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The following candidates, recommended by the Council, were elected Fellows of the Society:

Herbert H. Knox, Wm. Smith Brown, Charles E. Malcolm, James H. Dunham, W. Gilman Thompson, M.D., Mrs. J. O. Moss, John Hyde, Daniel S. Riker, Alfred Corning Clark, Nelson Smith, Stephen Salisbury, Charles H. Ropes, Ten Eyck Wendell, Gustav E. Kissel, R. A. Lancaster, Henry Stanton, Inglis Stuart, Henry H. Cook, Wm. G. Ver Planck, Charles J. Canda, Henry E. Sprague, Alfred Roe, James D. Lynch.

The President then spoke of the loss sustained by the Society, and more peculiarly by himself, in the recent death of the Foreign Corresponding Secretary, James Carson Brevoort. The close association of many years had enabled President Daly to appreciate better than most men the kindly personal qualities and gifts as well as the rare scholarship of Mr. Brevoort. The post left vacant by his death had been filled by the election of Prof. Wm. Libbey, Jr., of Princeton College, where he held the chair of Physical Geography, formerly occupied by Arnold Guyot. The President then introduced Prof. Libbey, who read a lecture on "Moscow."

At the close of the lecture the Society, on motion, adjourned.

Meeting of March 29, held at Chickering Hall.

Vice-President GEO. W. CULLUM in the Chair.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was, on motion, omitted.

The following gentlemen, recommended by the Council, were elected Fellows of the Society :

Gen. John J. Milhau, Richard J. Cross, Wm. W. Tompkins, Robert H. Worthington, Robert Treat Paine, James Lawson, Maturin Ballou, Dr. Wm. Starbuck Mayo, Edward S. Renwick, A. Cary Smith, Walton Ferguson, Wm. H. Starbuck, Oswald Jackson, Joseph Peabody, T. F. Oakes, James S. Coleman, Wm. A. Perry, Horace M. Taber, Chas. B. Wood, Wm. Rhinelander, Horatio N. Twombly, John R. Tresidder, Theo. W. Myers, Frank H. Stott, Horatio Hathaway, W. Lloyd Jeffries, Theo. N. Vail, Wm. F. Coston, Charles Kellogg, James M. Lawton.

Gen. Egbert L. Viele then read the following Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That in the death of Joseph W. Drexel, a Fellow of this Society since 1876, and for the past five years a Member of its Council, the American Geographical Society has sustained a loss not easily repaired. His association with the aims and objects of the Society was a natural outcome of the intelligence and liberal culture as well as of the genuine and active benevolence and humanity, which made him a centre of good influences in the community ;

Resolved, That this Society extends its heartfelt sympathy to the afflicted family of the deceased, and that a copy of these Resolutions be transmitted to them by the Secretary.

Gen. Viele then announced the death of Henry E. Pierrepont, one of the earliest Members of the Society, and offered the following Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That in the death of Henry E. Pierrepont, one of the Founders of this Society, and for ten years, from 1852 to 1862, a Member of its Council, the American Geographical Society has met with an irreparable loss. When there was little but the sense of duty to bring the members together, Mr. Pierrepont, whatever might be the inclemency of the weather or the other seeming obstacles in the way, travelled from his distant home to take part in the work of the Society. The interest thus manifested in the early days he continued to show to the end of his unsullied life;

Resolved, That this Society sympathizes profoundly with the afflicted family of the deceased, and that a copy of these Resolutions be transmitted to them by the Secretary.

Vice-President Cullum then introduced the speaker of the evening, the Hon. Clarence Pullen, who delivered a lecture on the "City of Mexico."

At the close of the lecture, the Society, on motion, adjourned.

Meeting of April 25, held at Chickering Hall.

President DALY in the chair.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The following candidates, recommended by the Council, were elected Fellows of the Society :

Harvey Kennedy, Edwin Mead, Mrs. Joseph W. Drexel, Samuel Mather, Edward Schell.

President DALY then introduced Mr. F. S. Dellenbaugh, who delivered a lecture on "Finistère : the Artist's Corner of Brittany."

At the close of the lecture the Society, on motion, adjourned.

Meeting of November 13, held at Chickering Hall.

President DALY in the chair.

It was, on motion, decided to omit the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The following candidates, recommended by the Council, were elected Fellows of the Society :

Rev. Hugh Smythe, Edmund Wetmore, Daniel Winslow, Edwin B. Sheldon, Townsend Smith, Geo. F. Johnson, Fred'k H. Chapin, Dr. C. M. Richter, William D. Phillips, Hon. Warren Higley, Chas. E. Hammond, Dr. S. B. Wolfe, Chas. S. Goodwin, Geo. W. McGill, Chas. M. Shipman, Dr. J. Whitney Barstow, James W. Hayward, Ed. F. C. Young, Cary W. Moore, Anson A. Gard.

The President then introduced the speaker, Gen. Jas. Harrison Wilson, who read a paper on "China and Its Progress."

At the close of the lecture the Society, on motion, adjourned.

Meeting of December 18, held at Chickering Hall.

President DALY in the chair.

On motion, it was resolved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The following persons, who were recommended by the Council, were elected Fellows of the Society :

Capt. Henry Erben, U.S.N., Hon. Geo. F. Edmunds, Hon. Melbourne H. Ford, Hon. John E. Russell, Hon. Wm. C. P. Breckinridge, Wm. F. Chrystie, Joseph Grafton, E. Tiffany Dyer, John Baird, George E. Chisolm, Wm. F. Cochran, Oswald J. Martin, Wm. W. Skiddy, Charles A. Sherman, James McGee, Edward Uhl, W. Fitzhugh Whitehouse, Robert T. Reiley, Hon. Ira Davenport, Cortlandt Irving, Richard S. Dana, Thomas Ashwell, Lathrop R. Bacon, Hon. George West, Percival W. Clement, Fred'k P. Dimpfel, George B. Prescott, William M. Robinson, H. Van Rensselaer Kennedy, Hon. A. S. Paddock, John S. Schultze, Chas. T. Harbeck, C.,

Fayette Taylor, M.D., Alexander J. Bruen, S. M. Jarvis, Henry L. Bogert, F. G. Walsh, Francis S. Wynkoop, J. Lawrence McKeever, Robert Sturgis, M. H. Beers.

On motion of Dr. Eustace W. Fisher, duly seconded, the President was requested to appoint a Committee of Three to nominate Officers and Members of the Council to be elected at the Annual Meeting, to be held on the 15th of January, 1889.

The President then introduced Prof. Wm. H. Brewer, of Yale University, who read a lecture entitled, "A Contribution to the History of the Great Basin, west of the Rocky Mountains."

At the close of the lecture, the President announced the names of the Committee of Three, appointed in accordance with the request of the Society, as follows: Messrs. N. P. Bailey, Clinton Roosevelt and Chas. A. Peabody.

On motion, the Society adjourned.